AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claims without adding any new subject matter, namely:

- 1 [Thrice Amended] A multipurpose disc useful as a throwing, tugging, and chewing toy for play and exercise involving pets and for play and exercise involving pets and people, and useful as a water and food dish for pets, the disc comprising:
 - (a) a circular top portion;
 - (b) an annular sidewall portion that merges with said circular top portion:
 - (c) an annular flange portion that merges with said annular sidewall portion, said annular flange portion and said circular top portions being disposed in parallel spaced planes, said annular flange portion presenting an outer annular rim, said thread fabric being centrally and symmetrically disposed within said top, sidewall and flange portions of the disc, and said thread fabric extending to the very end of the rim,
 - (d) a convex outer side; and,
 - (e) a concave inner side
 - (f) thread fabric continuously disposed within said top,
 sidewall and flange portions for reinforcing said disc;
 - (g) said top, sidewall and flange portions are comprised of a resilient material for chewing by said pets.

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3. [Thrice Amended]

The multipurpose disc as described in claim [2] 1 wherein said top portion is flat and said annular flange portion has an annularly depressed trough formed where said annular flange portion merges with said annular sidewall portion on said convex outer side.

4. [Amended]

The multipurpose disc as described in claim 3 wherein said top, sidewall and flange portions are comprised of rubber

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6 [Thrice Amended]

The multipurpose disc as described in claim [5] 4 wherein said [threaded] thread fabric is composed of flexible woven fabric.

7 [Amended]

The multipurpose disc as described in claim 1 wherein said resilient material is waterproof, durable, and flexible.

8. [Amended]

The multipurpose disc as described in claim 7 comprising

natural or synthetic rubber.

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11. [Twice Amended] A disc toy for a pet comprising a top portion presenting an annular sidewall portion depending and diverging away from said top portion so as to present a conical surface, and an annular flange portion merging with said annular sidewall portion, said flange and top portions lying in substantially parallel spaced planes, said annular flange portion presenting an annular outer [edge] rim, said top, annular sidewall and annular flange portions comprising rubber for chewing by said pet, and thread fabric being continuously centrally and symmetrically disposed (internally) within said top, sidewall and flange portions

[to said outer edge] of said disc, and said thread fabric extending to the very end of said rim for reinforcing said disc toy, when said toy is tugged and chewed by said pet, said toy capable of being thrown.

- 12. [Twice Amended] A disc toy as claimed in claim 11 wherein said toy is capable of being chewed and tugged by said pet without harming the mouth of the pet.
- 13. [Previously Presented] A disc toy as claimed in claim 12 wherein said flange portion has an annular depressed trough adapted to be grasped by a user for throwing said toy.
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- 18 [Amended] A disc toy as claimed in claim 11 wherein said thread fabric is disposed centrally between substantially equal thicknesses of said top, sidewalls and flange portions.
- 19. [Previously Presented] A multipurpose disc as claimed in claim 8 wherein said disc is vulcanized rubber capable of being chewed and thrown.
- 20 [Amended] A multipurpose disc as claimed in claim 19 wherein said thread fabric permits bonding of said rubber to resist stretching and tearing when chewed and tugged by said pet
- 21. [Amended] A disc toy as claimed in claim 11 wherein said disc toy is flexible and foldable yet sufficiently rigid to maintain it's shape.

- 22 [Amended] A disc for a pet comprising:
 - (a) a circular top portion;
 - (b) an annular sidewall portion depending and diverging away from said top portion so as to present a conical portion;
 - (c) an annular flange portion merging with said annular sidewall portion, said annular flange portion presenting an annular outer rim;
 - (d) said flange and top portions lying in substantially parallel spaced planes;
 - (e) said top, annular sidewall and annular flange portions comprising resilient material for chewing and tugging by said pet without harming [said pet's mouth] the mouth of the pet.
 - (f) thread fabric disposed within said top, annular sidewall[s] and annular flange portions of said disc, and said thread fabric extending to the very end of said rim for reinforcing said disc when chewed and tugged by said pet.
- 23. [Previously Presented] A disc as claimed in claim 22 wherein said resilient material is rubber.
- 24. [Previously Presented] A disc as claimed in claim 23 wherein said disc is throwable.
- 25. [Previously Presented] A disc as claimed in claim 24 wherein said top portion and annular sidewall portion is adapted to retain water and food.

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CONCLUSIONS

Agent for Applicant respectfully states that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully solicits same.

Yours faithfully,

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